

relating to public outreach materials to foster awareness of certain public school curriculum requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 28.015(b) and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The materials developed under this section must:

- (1) be available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese;
- (2) be in a form that would allow school districts to mail the information to students and parents; and

(3) include an explanation of:

(A) the basic career and college readiness components of each endorsement under Section 28.025(c-1);

(B) the curriculum requirements to gain automatic college admission under Section 51.803; and

(C) applicable course, graduation plan, and endorsement requirements for financial aid authorized under Title 3, including curriculum requirements for:

(i) the TEXAS grant as provided under Subchapter M, Chapter 56; *and*

(ii) the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program as provided under Subchapter P, Chapter 56; ~~and~~

~~[(iii) the Texas B-On-time loan program as provided under Subchapter Q, Chapter 56].~~

(c) This section expires September 1, 2020 [2018].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective June 1, 2017.

VENUE IN THE PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONDUCT INVOLVING OBSTRUCTION OR RETALIATION

CHAPTER 328

H.B. No. 268

AN ACT

relating to venue in the prosecution of certain criminal conduct involving obstruction or retaliation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 13.37 to read as follows:

Art. 13.37. OBSTRUCTION OR RETALIATION. *An offense under Section 36.06(a)(1), Penal Code, may be prosecuted in any county in which:*

- (1) *the harm occurs; or*
- (2) *the threat to do harm originated or was received.*

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to venue for the trial

of an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. Venue for the trial of an offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on March 23, 2017: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**PROHIBITING CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS FROM RESIDING
ON THE CAMPUS OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION
OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

CHAPTER 329

H.B. No. 355

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting certain sex offenders from residing on the campus of a public or private institution of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 62.064 to read as follows:

Art. 62.064. PROHIBITED LOCATION OF RESIDENCE. A person subject to registration under this chapter may not reside on the campus of a public or private institution of higher education unless:

- (1) the person is assigned a numeric risk level of one based on an assessment conducted using the sex offender screening tool developed or selected under Article 62.007; and*
- (2) the institution approves the person to reside on the institution's campus.*

SECTION 2. Article 62.053(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Before a person who will be subject to registration under this chapter is due to be released from a penal institution, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the Texas Juvenile Justice Department shall determine the person's level of risk to the community using the sex offender screening tool developed or selected under Article 62.007 and assign to the person a numeric risk level of one, two, or three. Before releasing the person, an official of the penal institution shall:

(1) inform the person that:

(A) not later than the later of the seventh day after the date on which the person is released or after the date on which the person moves from a previous residence to a new residence in this state or not later than the first date the applicable local law enforcement authority by policy allows the person to register or verify registration, the person must register or verify registration with the local law enforcement authority in the municipality or county in which the person intends to reside;

(B) not later than the seventh day after the date on which the person is released or the date on which the person moves from a previous residence to a new residence in this state, the person must, if the person has not moved to an intended residence, report to the applicable entity or entities as required by Article 62.051(h) or (j) or 62.055(e);

(C) not later than the seventh day before the date on which the person moves to a